projects subject to guidelines notified vide Press Note 2 (2005 series) dated 03.03.2005 issued by Department of Industrial Policy and promotion.

Review of FDI policy is an ongoing process. In general, FDI inflows augment domestic investible resources.

ATM card facilities in rural areas

†614. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced the proposed ATM card facilities in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the number of villages in Rajasthan specifically in Jaipur and Ajmer region, earmarked by Government for providing ATM card facilities in first phase; and

(c) the details of beneficiary villages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The policy for opening of ATMs of Banks has been liberalized and banks have been given the freedom to open ATMs at locations of their choice without seeking prior approval of RBI. Government does not give any direction to Banks for earmarking any specific region for providing ATM card facilities. ATM Cards are issued by banks to their customers at locations where ATMs have been set up. Some of the Banks which have ATMs in the rural areas have also issued ATM cards to their customers.

World Bank loans to Rajasthan

†615. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes for which World Banks has issued loan to the State Government of Rajasthan so far alongwith the terms and conditions laid by World Bank for these loans; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of amount of interest being paid to the World Bank by the State Government of Rajasthan each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The details of the schemes funded by World Bank to Rajasthan is enclosed as statement (see below). The Standard terms and conditions relating to International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loan (LIBOR based variable spread) and International Development Association (IDA) Credit, are applicable to the assistance by World Bank to Rajasthan.

(b) The State Government does not pay interest on loans directly to the World Bank. The funds are passed through the Government of India and Government of Rajasthan receives it as additional Central Assistance.

Statement

State Sector World Bank loans/credits to Rajasthan during the last three years.

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Funding Agency	Amount of assistance in US$ million	Year of effectiveness
1	Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project	IDA	140	2002-03
2	Rajasthan Power Sector Restructuring Project	IBRD	178	2003-04
3	Rajasthan Health System Dev. Project	IDA	89	2004-05